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Prescribed Burn Project at Loafer Creek Planned for October 30, 2014

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) and CalFire will resume their multi-year prescribed burn at Loafer Creek, part of the Lake Oroville State Recreation Area. The prescribed burn, tentatively scheduled for Thursday October 30, 2014, is part of the Vegetation Management Program (VMP), pending approvals and weather conditions. The VMP is a cost-sharing program that focuses on the use of prescribed fire, and mechanical means, for addressing wild land fire fuel hazards and other resource management issues on State Responsibility Area (SRA) lands.

The use of prescribed fire mimics natural processes, restores fire to its historic role in wild land ecosystems, and provides significant fire hazard reduction benefits that enhance public and firefighter safety.

The use of prescribed fires has been an integral part of California State Parks natural resources management program since 1975. Although used to achieve a number of objectives, the basic philosophy underlying the program is that fire should be used when appropriate to a particular ecosystem, in a manner reflecting its natural fire regime. Prescribed fires are also used by the Department to control exotic plant species, such as yellow star-thistle, improve habitat for endangered species, and reduce critical fuel loads.

In order to ensure the health, safety and convenience of the public, all trails, whether designated or not, are closed to unauthorized personnel during firing operations. This includes the Loafer Creek Loop Trail and Roy Rogers Trail. Access to these areas is restricted to authorized personnel only.

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